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KUWAIT, OCT.17, REUTER -- KUWAIT DECIDED TODAY TO RESUME ITS ANNUAL 40 MILLION DOLLAR AID PAYMENTS TO JORDAN. THE DECISION WAS TAKEN AT A CAPINET MEETING HERE. THE AID WAS SUSPENDED IN 1970 FOLLOWING CLASHES BETWEEN JORDANIAN TROOPS AND PALESTINIAN COMMANDOS.

THE AID IS PART OF A GENERAL SUBSIDY OF 338 MILLION DOLLARS APPROVED BY THE ARAB SUMMIT CONFERENCE OF 1967 TO COMPENSATE EGYPT AND JORDAN FOR THEIR LOSSES IN THE SIX-DAY WAR.

EGYPT WAS TO GET 235 MILLION DOLLARS AND JORDAN 100 MILLION A

YEAR UNTIL THEY RECOVERED FROM THEIR WAR LOSSES.

KUWAIT SUSPENDED ITS SUBSIDY TO JORDAN IN 1970 IN PROTEST AGAINST THE JORDANIAN GOVERNMENTS ATTITUDE TOWARD PALESTINE COMMANDOS.

THE SUBSIDY WAS PAID TO THE TWO COUNTRIES BY KUWAIT, SAUDI ARABIA AND LIBYA. SAUDI ARABIA CONTINUED TO PAY JORDAN ITS 37.5 MILLION DOLLAR SUBSIDY BUT LIBYA ALSO STOPPED PAYING X 225

22.5 MILLION DOLLARS IN 1970 IN SUPPORT OF THE COMMANDOS.
THE KUWAIT DECISION WAS ANNOUNCED AFTER THE CABINET
MEETING BY MINISTER OF STATE, MR ABDEL-AZIZ HUSSEIN.
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